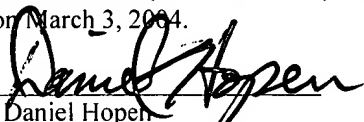




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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

A) In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2003 with a shortened statutory period for response no later than March 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.